

Conservation Land Steward		Agency/Program #: 5201-02-I1
		Division: Field Services
		Program: Land
Agency Name:	Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks	
Agency Contact:	Sue Daly	444-3107
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Program or Project Description:

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Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				
Fund Name:	2008		2009	
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended
General Fund				
State Special				
Federal Funds				
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of October 31, 2007

Goal(s):

Work cooperatively with private landowners to ensure delivery of the habitat conservation benefits and associated public recreational opportunities acquired through FWP conservation easements.

Performance Measures :

1. Monitor all conservation easements annually, completing field monitoring no later than October 15 of each year.
2. Review easement monitoring reports with appropriate Division staff (Wildlife, Fish or Parks), and send the reports and cover letters to all landowners no later than December 15 of each year.
3. Develop a chronological tracking log for all notices pertaining to landowner requests for approval of activities or operational changes, and send the landowner a letter of receipt no more than 10 days after the landowner's request is received. Provide case information to Division staff and, when appropriate, to the Legal Unit no more than 10 days after receipt of the landowner's notice, and resolve all requests within the time frame provided for in the conservation easement.
4. Coordinate with the landowner, Division staff and Legal staff to develop the department's position on all pending landowner requests for conservation easement amendments by August 1, 2008.
5. Work with Wildlife Division staff to refine, implement and document monitoring techniques for those conservation easement properties exceeding 5,000 acres in size and managed as commercial forestry operations.
6. Transition by October 2008 from a conservation easement monitoring program run by an FWP contractor to a program directed by the Conservation Easement Land Steward, with contract assistance on a limited, as-needed basis.
7. Develop by December 2008 an easement-by-easement list of public recreational rights on the easement property, along with the status of public recreational use of each easement property.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
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Performance Report:**LFD Narrative:****EXECUTIVE CHANGES:**

- Changes to goals/initiatives: Yes, the goal was added.
- Change to performance measures: Yes, the executive removed the specific measurements from each performance measure.

LFD ASSESSMENT:

- Goal is measureable within the biennium: No. The goal is a broad based statement of work. The performance measures do not provide a means to check for progress.
- Progress towards Goal: Critical. The agency did not provide status towards the goal.

APPROPRIATION ISSUES:

- Appropriation/Expenditures provided: No
- Other appropriation issues: Yes – The FTE to manage the program has not been hired. The agency was appropriated full funding for this FTE. At this point in time the FTE is over appropriated for FY2008 by 50%.

OPTIONS:

The legislature may wish to request the status report correspond with the agreed upon measures.

The legislature may wish to request additional information regarding the status of the FTE to determine if the program will be able to be implemented as presented to the 2007 Legislature.



Version	Date	Author
5201-02-11-CC-1	12/4/07	Smith

Change Description
LFD Narrative Added, Goal inserted



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Goals/Objectives

Agency Contact: Sue Daly
Agency Name: Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Division: Field Services

Phone Number: 444-3107

Program (identify and briefly describe): The Field Services Division is responsible for implementing the department's lands program, construction projects, and landowner-sportsman's relations program. The aircraft unit, living with wildlife program, game damage program, and hunting access enhancement program, including the Block Management program and the Access Montana program, are under the jurisdiction of this division. Administration and implementation of disabled accessibility standards on department properties and the department's safety program are also a responsibility of this division.

List a single goal and brief description:

Work cooperatively with private landowners to ensure delivery of the habitat conservation benefits and associated public recreational opportunities acquired through FWP conservation easements.

Describe the performance measures related to this goal:

- Monitor all conservation easements annually, completing field monitoring during the fall of each year.
- Review easement monitoring reports with appropriate Division staff (Wildlife, Fish or Parks), and send the reports and cover letters to all landowners by the end of each calendar year.
- Develop a chronological tracking log for all notices pertaining to landowner requests for approval of activities or operational changes, and send the landowner a letter of receipt after the landowner's request is received. Provide case information to Division staff and, when appropriate, to the Legal Unit after receipt of the landowner's notice, and resolve all requests within the time frame provided for in the conservation easement.
- Coordinate with the landowner, Division staff and Legal staff to develop the department's position on all pending landowner requests for conservation easement amendments late 2008..
- Work with Wildlife Division staff to refine, implement and document monitoring techniques for those conservation easement properties exceeding 5,000 acres in size and managed as commercial forestry operations.
- Transition late 2008 from a conservation easement monitoring program run by an FWP contractor to a program directed by the Conservation Easement Land Steward, with contract assistance on a limited, as-needed basis.
- Develop late 2008 an easement-by-easement list of public recreational rights on the easement property, along with the status of public recreational use of each easement property.

List significant milestones and target dates to be completed in the 2009 Biennium:

The Conservation Easement Land Steward will be hired in early 2008.

See above.

Describe the current status of the measurements related to the goal: